



Greek supporters of 'NO' vote in the upcoming referendum, gather during a massive protest rally at Syntagma square in Athens, Greece, Monday, June 29, 2015. (AP Photo/Petros Karadjias) Page 3

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UAE court issues death sentence in American killing

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A court in the United Arab Emirates sentenced to death a woman convicted of murdering an American teacher with a butcher knife in the bathroom of an upscale Abu Dhabi mall, the state news agency WAM reported Monday.

Attacks against foreigners are rare in the UAE, which is home to the popular tourist destination of Dubai and where expatriates far outnumber Emirati citizens. Police said at the time of the attack in December that the attacker had targeted her victim based on nationality alone in an attempt to create chaos in the country. She had also planted a bomb outside another American's house that was discovered before it detonated.

The attacker was identified as Emirati national Alaa Bader Abdullah al-Hashemi, a 30-year-old mother of six, according to the Abu Dhabi-based The National newspaper. International media were not allowed inside the courtroom to cover the trial.

The murder of school-teacher Ibolya Ryan, 47, left a trail of blood in the public restroom at the mall in the capital's upscale Reem Island. The attacker wore the full black garment and face veil traditionally worn by local women throughout the Gulf, and appeared to have chosen her victim randomly. □

Greeks Hit by Closed Banks, Eurozone Warnings

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COSTAS KANTOURIS
Associated Press
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Anxious pensioners swarmed closed bank

its creditors, the country is in the midst of the one of the most acute financial crises seen anywhere in the world in years. It's running out of time to get the

"I came here at 4 a.m. because I have to get my pension," said 74-year-old Anastasios Gevelidis, one of about 100 retirees waiting outside the main

elected in January on a promise to bring an end to the hated austerity that it blames for an acute economic recession, has failed to agree on a package of spending cuts and reforms demanded by creditors in exchange for access to the remaining 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) in rescue loans. The sight of an economy on the precipice hit global markets hard Monday. In Europe, the Stoxx 50 index of leading shares ended 2.5 percent lower, while Germany's DAX slid 3.6 percent. There were also some early warning signs that Greece's problems may prove contagious — the borrowing rates of other highly indebted eurozone countries such as Italy and Portugal inched up slightly.

Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's rating agency cut Greece's credit rating further into junk status, saying it now sees a 50-percent chance of Greece leaving the eurozone. The Greek government's decision to hold a referendum is a sign it "will prioritize domestic politics over financial and economic stability, commercial debt payments and eurozone membership," it said in a statement. Investors are worried that should Greece leave the euro and say it can't pay its debts, which stand at more than 300 billion euros, it will be forced into a chaotic return to the drachma — developments that could derail a fragile global economic recovery, as well as raise questions over the long-term viability of the euro currency itself. □



A supporter of the NO vote in the upcoming referendum holds an old 1,000 drachma bank note during a rally in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki, Monday, June 29, 2015.

(AP Photo/Giannis Papanikos)

branches Monday and long lines snaked outside ATMs as Greeks endured the first day of serious controls on their daily economic lives ahead of a July 5 referendum that could determine whether the country has to ditch the euro currency and return to the drachma.

As strict capital controls took root following Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' surprise weekend decision to call a referendum on international creditors' latest economic proposals, Greece's population tried to fathom the sheer scale of the impact on their day-to-day existence.

Following a breakdown in talks between Greece and


money it needs to stave off bankruptcy. That has stoked fears of a crippling bank run, a messy Greek debt default and an exit from the euro. As a result, the country's government imposed strict capital controls, none more onerous than a daily allowance of a measly 60 euros (\$67) at the ATM.

The sense of unease was palpable among the crowds of pensioners who lined up outside bank branches hoping they might open. Many elderly Greeks don't have ATM cards and make cash withdrawals in person, and so found themselves completely cut off from their money.

branch of the National Bank of Greece in the country's second-largest city of Thessaloniki. "I don't have a card. I don't know what's going on. We don't even have enough money to buy bread," he said.

The capital controls come ahead of a big 1.6 billion-euro payment Greece has to make to the International Monetary Fund. It's unlikely to be able to pay that without financial assistance. Greece's bailout program with its European creditors officially expires Tuesday, meaning the country will not have access to any of the money still available if it doesn't secure a deal.


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Obama signs trade, worker assistance bills into law

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday signed into law

workers whose jobs are displaced by such pacts.

The measures were politically linked to secure bipartisan support for the trade

tion Pacific Rim economic pact.

"I thought I'd start off the week with something we should do more often, a

publican members of Congress watched as Obama affixed his name to the two bills.

The trade bill gives Congress the right to approve or reject trade agreements, but not change or delay them. Obama defied the wishes of most members of his Democratic Party and frayed relations with organized labor to push the legislation.

The worker assistance was part of a broader trade preferences bill that extends a measure easing trade between the U.S. and sub-Saharan Africa.

"I think it's fair to say that getting these bills through Congress has not been easy," Obama said. "They've been declared dead more than once. They have inspired long and passionate debates and that's entirely appropriate for our democracy." But he said they will ultimately be good for American workers and for American business.

Obama worked in unusual partnership with House of Representatives Speaker

John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to hold a small minority of pro-trade Democrats and prevent too many Republican defections to ultimately win.

The 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership includes countries from Chile and Mexico to Japan and Australia and would give the United States greater economic influence in Asia, where China also seeks to be a dominant force.

Trade experts anticipate that final agreement sometime in early autumn and action by Congress by the end of the year. Obama will still have a heavy task winning approval of such a deal, but the fast-track measures he signed Monday make it harder for lawmakers to block it.

"This bill is a big win for American jobs and leadership, and I hope the president will continue to work with us to get more bipartisan, House-passed jobs bills signed into law," Boehner said in a statement following the bill signing. □



Surrounded by Cabinet officials and members of Congress, President Barack Obama signs H.R. 2146 Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act and H.R. 1295 Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Monday, June 29, 2015, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

two hard-fought bills giving him greater authority to negotiate international trade deals and providing aid to

legislation, and they set the stage for the Obama administration to conclude negotiations on a 12-na-

truly bipartisan bill signing," Obama said in a crowded East Room ceremony. Five Democratic and two Re-

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Gov. Cuomo: Inmates had sights on Mexico but ride backed out

MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

PLATTSBURGH, New York (AP) — Two convicted murderers who eluded a massive manhunt for three weeks planned to drive to Mexico after escaping prison but ended up walking toward Canada when their ride backed out — finally splitting up in their final days of freedom, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday.

David Sweat, 35, was hospitalized in serious condition after being shot twice in the torso by a state trooper and captured Sunday near the Canadian border. Cuomo said Sweat has begun providing information about his audacious escape from the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility on June 6 with Richard Matt and their weeks on the lam. Matt was killed by officers on Friday.

Prosecutors have previously said prison tailor shop employee Joyce Mitchell got close to the men and agreed to be their getaway driver but backed out because she felt guilty. Authorities also have said they discussed killing Mitchell's husband, matching the newly detailed account provided by Cuomo on the Capitol Pressroom radio program.

"They would kill Mitchell's husband and then get in the car and drive to Mexico on the theory that Mitchell was in love with one or both of them, and then they would go live happily ever after, which is a fairy tale that I wasn't read as a child," the governor said. "When Mitchell doesn't show up, the Mexico plan gets foiled, and then they head north toward Canada."

Matt had previously fled to Mexico after killing and dis-



Police stand over David Sweat after he was shot and captured near the Canadian border in this Sunday, June 28, 2015 photo taken in Constable, N.Y. Sweat and his escape partner, Richard Matt planned to drive to Mexico after escaping prison but ended up walking toward Canada when their ride backed out, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday. (AP Photo)

membering his former boss in 1997.

Matt and Sweat apparently spent more than two weeks together roaming the thick northern New York woods. Authorities believe they traveled mostly at night and managed to procure food, a gun and other supplies from hunting camps and seasonal cab-

ins.

Cuomo said the two men split up about five days ago. Matt had blisters on his feet — searchers found his bloody socks — and Sweat thought his 49-year-old escape partner was holding him back.

"Sweat felt that Matt was slowing him down," Cuomo said.

Sweat was captured Sunday in town of Constable, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of the prison, after New York State Police Sgt. Jay Cook spotted him while on routine patrol. Cook shot Sweat as he fled toward a stand of trees.

Sweat had a bag containing maps, tools, bug repellent and Pop Tarts when he was shot by Cook. Sweat was unarmed at the time, authorities said.

Sweat was airlifted to Albany Medical Center, where he was upgraded from critical to serious condition after doctors determined overnight that he didn't need immediate surgery. He is expected to stay at the hospital for a few days while his condition stabilizes, according to hospital officials.

Mitchell and corrections officer Gene Palmer have been charged in connection with the escape.

Mitchell pleaded not guilty June 15 to charges including felony promoting prison contraband.

Palmer is charged with promoting prison contraband, tampering with physical evidence and official misconduct. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing in a Plattsburgh, New York, court on Monday, clearing the way for potential grand jury action.

Palmer has told investigators he provided Matt and Sweat with tools, paint, frozen hamburger and access to a catwalk electrical box. But he said he never knew of their escape plans. His attorney has said he will plead not guilty.

Sweat had been serving a sentence of life without parole in the killing of a sheriff's deputy in Broome County in 2002. Matt was serving 25 years to life for the killing and dismembering of his former boss in western New York. □

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Supreme Court rules Texas abortion clinics can remain open

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court acted Monday to keep Texas' 19 abortion clinics open, amid a legal fight that threatens to close more than half of them. The justices voted 5-4 to grant an emergency appeal from the clinics after a federal appeals court upheld new clinic regulations and refused to keep them on hold while the clinics appealed to the Supreme Court. The court's decision to block the regulations is a strong indication that the justices will hear the full appeal, which could be the biggest abortion case at the Supreme Court in nearly 25 years. The Supreme Court order will remain in effect at least



Members of security stand outside of the Supreme Court in Washington, Monday June 29, 2015. The Supreme Court refused on Monday to allow Texas to enforce restrictions that would force 10 abortion clinics to close.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

until the court decides whether to hear the clinics' appeal of the lower court ruling, not before autumn. If the court steps in, the hearing and the eventual ruling would come amid the 2016 presidential cam-

paign. An opposite ruling would have allowed the state to move ahead with regulations requiring abortion facilities to be constructed like surgical centers. Doctors at all clinics also would

be required to have admitting privileges at a local hospital. The clinics said enforcing the new regulations would lead to a second major wave of clinic closures statewide since the law was enacted in 2013. Texas had 41 abortion clinics in 2012; 19 remain. The admitting privileges requirement already is in effect in much of the state. Stephanie Toti, a lawyer for the Center for Reproductive Rights that is representing the clinics, said some clinics that closed because doctors lacked admitting privileges might be able to reopen. The regulations would have left the state with no clinic west of San Antonio. Only one would have been able to operate on a limited basis in the Rio Grande Valley. The Supreme Court also is weighing an appeal from

Mississippi, which is seeking to enforce an admitting privileges requirement that would close the last abortion clinic in the state. A different three-judge panel of the same federal appeals court, the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, has blocked the Mississippi law. In November 2013, Justice Stephen Breyer wrote that four justices probably would want to review the constitutionality of the Texas regulations. Last year, the high court prevented enforcement while the case was on appeal to the 5th Circuit. Backers of the regulations say they are common-sense measures intended to protect women. Abortion rights groups say the regulations have only one aim: to make it harder, if not impossible, for women to get abortions in Texas. □

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California Legislature passes a strict, controversial school vaccination bill

JULIA HOROWITZ
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — California lawmakers on Monday sent the governor a contentious bill that would impose one of the strictest school vaccination laws in the U.S. in reaction to a recent measles outbreak at Disneyland. The Senate reaffirmed the bill striking California's personal belief exemption for immunizations on a 24-14 vote. Mississippi and West Virginia are the only two states with such strict requirements in place. Children whose parents refuse vaccination can try to obtain a medical exemption or be homeschooled. Otherwise, school-age children who claim a personal belief exemption will need to get fully vaccinated by

kindergarten and seventh grade, the state's two vaccine checkpoints. Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown has not said if he would sign it. Parents opposed to the bill vowed to take legal action even though the issue has been upheld in court, including by the Supreme Court. Other parents cheered the legislative vote and immediately turned their attention to swaying Brown. Brown has 12 days to decide the bill. "The governor believes that vaccinations are profoundly important and a major public health benefit, and any bill that reaches his desk will be closely considered," governor's spokesman Evan Westrup has repeated in recent days. □



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Survey: Confederate flag push reaches key milestone in state



Supporters of keeping the Confederate battle flag flying at a Confederate monument at the South Carolina Statehouse wave flags during a rally in front of the statehouse in Columbia, S.C.

(AP Photo/Bruce Smith)

SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — A survey of South Carolina legislators shows there is enough support to remove the Confederate

battle flag from Statehouse grounds if all supporters cast a vote.

The push to remove the flag, a Civil War era symbol of the secessionist, pro-slavery rebel South, follows

the shooting deaths of nine people at a historic black church in Charleston on June 17. The pastor, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, was among the dead. The suspect in the shooting was shown in photographs brandishing the flag as a symbol of hate.

Gov. Nikki Haley called on legislators a week ago to send the battle flag to a museum.

On Monday, The Post and Courier newspaper, the South Carolina Press Association and The Associated Press asked all lawmakers how they intend to vote.

At least 33 state senators and 82 state House of Representatives members say the flag should go.

That appears to meet the two-thirds majority needed from both chambers to move the battle flag. That rule is part of the 2000 compromise that took the flag off the Statehouse dome and put a smaller, square version beside a monument to Confederate soldiers.

There are 123 legislators in the House and 45 in the Senate.

The exact number needed to pass a bill is uncertain.

The two-thirds requirement applies to whoever is present and voting at the time. A day after Haley made her public request, legislators overwhelmingly approved a resolution allowing them to add the flag to their special session's agenda. But that doesn't mean the debate will go smoothly. Some did not want to risk harsh words amid a week of funerals. Legislators are expected to return to Columbia on Monday to consider Haley's budget vetoes and take up legislation that would remove the flag. □

Mother pleads guilty to killing 2 kids found in home freezer

ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A U.S. woman pleaded guilty Monday to killing two of her children and storing their bodies in a home freezer, telling a judge that she had no remorse for beating and suffocating them.

Mitchelle Blair, 36, of Detroit, Michigan, has never challenged allegations that she killed her 13-year-old daughter and 9 year-old son. She pleaded guilty to first-degree murder without any deal with prosecutors — an extraordinary move — and said she would have accepted the death penalty if the state of Michigan had it.

Blair was arrested in March, after deputies carrying out an eviction at her apartment found the bodies of her children in a deep freezer. She said she attacked the children months apart in 2012 and 2013.

Blair said she intended to kill her daughter, Stoni Blair, but didn't know the abuse of her son, Stephen Berry, would be fatal. Blair alleged the children had sexually abused a sibling, though she said she didn't witness the alleged assaults and didn't get police involved because she feared she would lose her other two children.

"I don't regret none of this," Blair told Judge Dana Hathaway during the hearing. "I don't feel no remorse for the death of those demons."

Mental health experts had found Blair competent to face charges. She faces life in prison with no chance for parole. The judge asked a series of questions about what happened. Blair said she repeatedly beat Stoni and Stephen, and poured scalding water on them. She said she made Stephen drink window cleaner. □

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New arrests in Tunisia attack as Europeans honor victims

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Associated Press
SOUSSE, Tunisia (AP) — Top European security officials paid a somber homage on Tunisian sands Monday to 38 people killed at a beach resort, as Tunisian authorities announced the arrest of seven alleged accomplices of the gunman. British officials confirmed that most of the dead were British, and Prime Minister David Cameron said it was

time for his country to become "intolerant of intolerance" and crack down on the ideas that fuel Islamic State group-inspired terrorism. Cameron's office said that 18 Britons have been confirmed dead, and the total is expected to rise to around 30. Tunisian Interior Minister Mohamed Najem Gharsalli on Monday announced the arrests of several Tunisians allegedly from a network

behind attacker Seifedine Rezgui, a 24-year-old student who was killed by police near the scene of the attack. Authorities say he acted alone during the rampage but had accomplices who supported him beforehand, providing him with weapons and logistical support. A person close to the investigation told The Associated Press that seven people were arrested in at



Tunisian Interior minister Mohamed Najem Gharsalli, center, is flanked by British Home Secretary Theresa May, right, and German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere as they pay respect to the victims of Friday's shooting attack in front of the Imperial Marhaba hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Sousse, Tunisia, Monday, June 29, 2015. The top security officials of Britain, France, Germany and Belgium are paying homage to the people killed in the terrorist attack on Friday.
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least three different cities and were being interrogated in the capital Monday. The person was not authorized to be publicly named speaking about the investigation. British Home Secretary Theresa May, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere and Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon joined Gharsalli on the beach in front of the Imperial Marhaba hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Sousse for the tribute Monday. Standing on the sand surrounded by security officials, they at one point put their arms on each other's shoulders. Gharsalli said he and the European security leaders agreed to work together on security and economic cooperation.

Friday's attack in the resort of Sousse was Tunisia's bloodiest ever, and the deadliest for Britain since the July 2005 London transit bombings, in which 52 commuters died. Cameron announced that Britain would hold a national minute of silence at noon on Friday, a week after the attack. Describing IS as an "existential threat," Cameron said defeating it would be "the struggle of our generation and we have to fight it with everything we can." He said that meant confronting extremist ideology, even when it is not violent. Cameron wrote in the Daily Telegraph newspaper that "we must be more intolerant of intolerance — rejecting anyone whose views condone the Islamist extremist narrative and create the conditions for it to flourish."□

Bomb kills Egypt's top prosecutor as he drives to work

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MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A car bomb killed Egypt's chief prosecutor Monday in the country's first assassination of a senior official in 25 years, marking what could be an escalation in a campaign by Islamic militants toward targeting leaders of a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood.

Hisham Barakat led the prosecution of members of the Brotherhood and other Islamists, including former President Mohammed Morsi, who was overthrown by the military in July 2013. The courts have been handing out mass death sentences against them in trials harshly criticized as lacking due process.

Monday's assassination of the 65-year-old Barakat came on the eve of the second anniversary of the mass demonstrations against Morsi that led to his ouster.

A car laden with explosives was detonated by remote control around 10 a.m. as Barakat's motorcade left his home in the eastern district of Heliopolis, police said. He suffered multiple shrapnel wounds and was

pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m. following surgery, medical officials said. Five guards, two drivers and one civilian also were injured in the blast.

An Egyptian militant group calling itself "Popular Resistance in Giza" claimed responsibility for the attack in an online statement, with photographs from the site of the bombing. The claim could not be independently verified. In a statement, the Muslim Brotherhood denied responsibility, but blamed authorities for the violence.

Authorities and pro-government TV networks blamed the Brotherhood, which they consider a terrorist group, broadly accusing it of orchestrating violence.

A senior security official said an initial investigation showed that Islamic militants along with the Brotherhood were responsible, while the State Information Service said the killing "clearly shows the terrorist group's violent discourse" and underscores its "rejection of the state of law." It equated the Brotherhood with extremist groups fighting in Iraq and Syria or kill-



An Egyptian policeman stands guard after a bomb attack that targeted Egypt's prosecutor general in the Heliopolis district of Cairo, Egypt, Monday, June 29, 2015. An official says Monday's attack targeted Hisham Barakat's convoy, wounding two security guards and a civilian. The official says it's not yet clear if Barakat was hurt or not.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

ing tourists in Tunisia. All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. The Brotherhood has maintained that peaceful means are the only way to resist what it called a coup

against Morsi, but recent shifts within the group's youth cadres have signaled frustration with that approach and new support for using force. Islamic militants, who for years had turned Egypt's Sinai Peninsula into a

stronghold, widened their insurgency after Morsi's overthrow. On Sunday, the Islamic State released video showing the May assassination of three judges in the northern Sinai city of el-Arish, accusing them of ruling against "God's laws." □

Armenia:

Protesters continue defying police

AVET DEMOURIAN
Associated Press
YEREVAN, Armenia

(AP) — Thousands of demonstrators continued flooding a central avenue in the Armenian capital Monday, refusing to end their protest against a hike in electricity prices even after the president suspended the measure. The most serious unrest the impoverished ex-Soviet nation has seen in years casts a tough challenge to the leadership of Armenia, a close ally of Russia. Moscow, which has a military base in Armenia, has watched the protests with concern.

On Sunday, the protest organizers cast President Serzh Sargsyan's pledge to freeze the price increase as their victory and urged the demonstrators to unblock the street.

But several thousand protesters refused to move and vowed to stay until the government annuls the hike. Police then warned it would move to disperse the rally, but didn't follow up on its threat.

The crowds thinned to several hundred during daytime hours Monday as was the case in previous days, but swelled again to a few thousands in the evening. □



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Cigarettes or spark suspected in Taiwan fire that burned 498

RALPH JENNINGS
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Investigators in Taiwan were

More than 400 people remained hospitalized, including 202 in serious condition, city officials said. A

Taiwan's Central News Agency said her 12-year-old brother also had burns on 90 percent of his body.

a number of people smoking and the weather was warm," New Taipei City news department head Lin Chieh-yu said. Temperatures around greater Taipei topped 36 degrees Celsius (96.8 F) before the party.

The three tons of colored starch-based powder bought by the organizers from Tai Won, a seller in the island's southern county of Yunlin, were flammable, said Chou Hui-fang, a representative of the seller. She said the buyer was informed about the risk of fire.

"Whether it's corn starch or flour starch, this kind of stuff, no matter how long it's been around, if it's in dense quantities and if it's hot, it can catch fire," Chou said. She said her 4-year-old company has been questioned by police and health officials but was not considered at fault.

"We didn't know what the buyers were going to do with it or how much they would use," she said. "It might have been supplies for a whole year."

Taiwan Premier Mao Chiu-kuo banned use of the

powder at future private events. Colored powder is often thrown on revelers during the annual Holi celebrations in India and Nepal, a Hindu festival. The powder at Saturday's party was made in Taiwan, Chou said.

The water park was ordered to close after the fire.

Taiwan police recommended charges of professional neglect and public endangerment for party organizer Lu Chung-chi, who was arrested but released on bail of 1 million Taiwan dollars (US\$32,000) and restricted from leaving the island, a New Taipei City police spokesman said. Local media photos showed Lu kneeling on the ground to apologize, pledging to take full responsibility. Police also recommended charges for the stage hardware technician and the person responsible for shooting off the powder. Each was given bail of 300,000 Taiwan dollars. Officers questioned two others involved in the event but did not recommend charges, said Yan Bo-jen, news liaison for the local police precinct. □



Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, center, speaks to a victim injured in an accidental explosion during a music concert, as he visits a local hospital in New Taipei City, Taiwan. A fire on a music stage spread into a crowd of spectators at a weekend party at a Taiwan water park. The cause of the fire is being investigated. (Central News Agency via AP)

focusing Monday on the possibility that a cigarette butt or spark caused the blaze that burned 498 people, killing one, at a weekend water park party when colored powder sprayed from the stage caught fire.

20-year-old woman with burns to 90 percent of her body died after being taken off life support with her family's consent, said a hospital spokeswoman, who spoke anonymously because she wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Police recommended criminal charges against the organizer of Saturday's party, as well as two technicians, at the Formosa Fun Coast park in suburban Taipei.

"It's still not clear what happened, but there were

Governments sign pact to create Chinese-led Asian bank

BEIJING (AP) — Envoys of governments that plan to join a Chinese-led Asian bank endorsed a structure Monday that gives Beijing the biggest voting stake at the start but no veto power. Each member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will receive voting shares in line with its contribution to the bank's planned \$100 billion in capital, under the proposed structure. As the biggest donor, Beijing would get 26 percent of votes, with

India in second-place with 7.5 percent and Russia third with 5.9 percent.

Beijing's proposal for the AIIB attracted unexpectedly wide support from U.S. allies including Britain, New Zealand, France, Australia and South Korea despite U.S. opposition. Washington and its ally Japan have refrained from seeking membership.

The Beijing-based bank is part of China's efforts to gain a bigger voice in global financial regulation

that is dominated by the United States and Europe. The bank is intended to finance investments in railroads, cargo ports and other trade links. The U.S. government had objected that the bank would undercut existing institutions such as the World Bank and might allow looser lending standards.

Some 57 governments have expressed interest in joining the AIIB, but not all signed Monday's agreement. The Philippines said

it and six other countries including Thailand and South Africa would not sign immediately and had until December to make a final decision.

"This proposal was designed to meet Asia's infrastructure development and promote Asia's connectivity and also deepen regional cooperation for the sake of development," said Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting with the foreign envoys in the Great Hall of the Peo-

ple in central Beijing.

"The very fact that representatives from the 57 prospective founding members are gathering in this room today is testimony to this spirit of solidarity, cooperation, openness and inclusiveness."

China's voting share may be diluted as more members join, Vice Finance Minister Shi Yaobin told the official Xinhua News Agency. "China is not deliberately seeking a veto power," said Shi, according to Xinhua. □



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Tourists on holiday coping with Greece's financial crisis



Tourists take snapshots with the ruins of the fifth century BC Parthenon temple on the background in Athens, Monday, June 29, 2015. Tourists on holiday in Greece offered advice to others Monday: Bring extra euros. Several reported having some anxious moments thanks to empty ATMs and merchants refusing credit cards.

(AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

BETH J. HARPAZ

AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Tourists on holiday in Greece offered advice to others Monday: Bring extra euros. Several reported having some anxious moments over the weekend thanks to empty ATMs and merchants refusing credit cards, but the inconveniences eased as ATMs were replenished Monday. "We were finally able to get cash out of an ATM today, thankfully, since we are running out of euros we got in the U.S.," said Anthony Adornato, a college

professor from Syracuse, New York, heading from Athens to the island of Kea with three other Americans. "We thought we would have to start rationing, but luckily found an ATM that worked after two days of having no luck with others." They'd tried five ATMs before finding one with cash, and many merchants had refused to take their credit cards. Richard Joplin, a realtor in Austin, Texas, arrived in Athens Monday with his two daughters for a 10-day holiday. "So far we have only been inconvenienced with restaurants and cabs

only wanting cash," he said. "I brought euros with me for that reason." But he didn't bring enough to last the trip, and hoped he'd be able to use credit cards and ATMs later in the trip. But others reported no problems. "So far so good because we've only been here for a day and came with a lot of euros," said Chloe O'Brien, 21, of New York City, traveling with her grandma and two aunts to Athens and Mykonos. Laura Simoes, visiting Kefalonia from New Hampshire, said she had "neither seen, nor felt, any impact

from the economic crisis. ... Nearly every market, restaurant, etcetera has taken our credit card and never suggested they'd rather have cash."

Greeks can only withdraw 60 euros (\$67) per account daily from banks, but the limits do not apply to foreigners.

The tour group company smarTours, which is sending several groups to Greece in a few weeks, is not seeing cancellations and is simply advising clients to bring euros.

"It is our understanding that our various suppliers are preparing for shortages of goods by stocking up," said smarTours co-CEO Greg Geronemus. "At this time, we do not believe that travelers are at risk, but this is a fluid situation and we are monitoring it very closely."

The Tauck tour company currently has a cruise group finishing up with three nights in Athens. "We were in touch with our hotel and our tour director earlier today, and both report that daily life is going on normally," said spokesman Tom Armstrong.

Jim Christoforidis, a doctor in Chicago who was born in Greece and who's planning to travel there later this summer with his wife to visit family, said they'll

"probably withdraw a substantial amount of euros" to bring. The biggest issue, he said, will be safeguarding the cash.

"Because we'll be staying with family, it's less of a concern," he said. "But we've heard stories of people staying in hotels dealing with theft."

Nikolitsa Katsoulas, of Ottawa, Canada, who is planning a trip with her fiancé the last two weeks of July to Athens, Corfu and Zakynthos, booked the trip on a credit card that allows cancellations of airfare and other prepaid travel, "but we decided to go ahead with our plans anyway. After speaking to family in Greece, they advised us to bring extra euros with us and not to worry. We are going to take a leap of faith and trust that we will still enjoy our two weeks with the possibility that we may hit some bumps along the way."

Travelers with standard trip insurance probably are not covered if they elect to cancel a trip simply because of economic turmoil. "A traveler would need a covered reason to cancel and economic events are not covered explicitly in our U.S. travel insurance plans," said Luke Hilty, global head of travel products at AIG.





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Human rights team in Mexico still waits access to soldiers

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican government has still not arranged for an independent team of investigators to interview soldiers with knowledge of events in which 43 college students disappeared in southern Mexico last year. The team from the Inter-

American Commission on Human Rights said Monday in a news conference that the government wrote on Sunday that officials are still analyzing the request three months after it was made. The group said the delay limited its ability to advance. "The official answer that we have is that there is still no

answer," said investigator Francisco Cox. Soldiers from the army's 27th Battalion in Iguala responded to the scenes where the attacks occurred. The independent investigators said they want to interview several dozen soldiers just as they have with other witnesses. The government says students from a rural teachers

college in the state of Guerrero were seized by police in Iguala on Sept. 26, and turned over to a criminal gang that killed and incinerated them. The remains of only one of the students have been identified. Since the team's last update in May, they visited the Iguala police station, the dump in Cocula where

the government says the students' remains were burned and the river where the ashes were allegedly dumped. They also said they had interviewed former Iguala Mayor Jose Luis Abarca and his wife, Maria de los Angeles Pineda, who the government has said ordered the capture of the students. □

Venezuelan struggling socialists hold legislative primaries

JORGE RUEDA
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Members of Venezuela's ruling socialist party selected candidates to compete in December's legislative elections that the opposition is favored to win amid a punishing economic crisis that is eroding support for President Nicolas Maduro. National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello said that more than 3 million party loyalists partook in Sunday's primary and that the vote count was double the number cast for opposition candidates in the 33 districts where it held primaries last month. But the National Electoral Council didn't publish any turnout figures and opposition groups said abstention was high. Among the 110 candidates chosen to represent the United Socialist Party in the legisla-



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro and first lady, Cilia Flores, left, gesture to supporter as they arrive at a poll station during ruling party primary elections in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

tive vote was a brother of the late President Hugo Chavez, several ex-cabinet

members and a vocalist for hip-hop group "Dame pa' matala," a slang reference

to smoking a marijuana cigarette. A cadre of athletes, TV personalities and

other minor celebrities also competed as Maduro's struggling party tries to woo young, uncommitted voters at a time when support for his administration is being eroded by widespread shortages and triple-digit inflation. The United Socialist Party also mandated that half its candidates be under age 30 to match the demographics of Venezuela's 19 million voters. The opposition is also courting the youth vote; a third of the candidates in its primaries were under age 40. If it should win control of Congress, the opposition would likely push for a referendum to cut short Maduro's presidency before his term ends in 2019. Chosen in eastern Monagas state was retired Gen. Hugo Carvajal, a former intelligence chief who was arrested briefly last year in Aruba on a U.S. drug warrant. □

Texas woman vanishes while snorkeling off Curacao

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A Texas woman vanished while snorkeling off the northwestern coast of Curacao last week, and the local coast guard stopped looking for her after three days of fruitless searching, authorities reported Monday. Amanda Waller was last

seen Thursday while swimming back to Curacao's popular Cas Abao beach. It's not known whether the 29-year-old woman from Katy, Texas, who was on a snorkeling excursion with her husband and a group of friends, made it to shore. Coast Guard spokesman Roderick Gouverneur said the search for Waller was suspended at nightfall Sat-

urday after a boat, helicopter and twin-engine plane were unable to find any sign of her after surveying a large expanse of water. "People with boats in the area and also local divers helped with this search but in vain," Gouverneur said. The U.S. consulate in Curacao did not immediately provide comment. Terri Youngs, part of the

roughly 20-person group vacationing on Curacao that included Waller and her husband, told KHOU-TV in Houston that the Texas woman signaled at least one fellow snorkeler that she was going back to shore. "But no one ever saw her come ashore," Youngs told the station. Sitting about 40 miles off

Venezuela, Curacao is an autonomous country of about 150,000 people within the Dutch kingdom and is best known for its diving opportunities and a historic capital that is a U.N. World Heritage site. It is also an offshore financial center and a transshipment point for narcotics from South America bound for the U.S. and Europe. □



Art Rules Aruba Once Again Looks to Kick Off at Full Capacity!

PALM BEACH - Registration is still open, however most of the workshops have been overloaded with applications. A tough job for program organizers with the tough job to choose from the hundreds of motivation letters received from applicants aspiring to become Artists or to develop their artistic identity. From the 13 year old aspiring chef dreaming of owning her own restaurant now wanting to participate in the Culinary Arts workshops, to Super Star dancers looking for the



nesses have been responsible for supporting the almost 600 participants since becoming lead and loyal sponsor 6 years ago. This year's registration deadline is July 10th and the program will kick off on July 20th at the Academy of Arts & Design Aruba. For more information visit www.artrules.org or like Art Rules on Facebook/ [artrulesaruba](https://www.facebook.com/artrulesaruba) Instagram @Artrulesflicks Twitter@ArtrulesU



opportunity to work with this year's Master Teacher Dwight Cheuk A Lam also known as Amsterdam's famous Choreographer MR. Rebels. Going into its 6 year, Art Rules continues to go from

strength to strength not only in applicants and participating students but also in becoming the biggest platform on Aruba to produce young professional Artists. Since its launch in 2010, Art

Rules has inspired at least 40 Aruban youngsters to pursue an education or professional career in the Arts; some of them studying or performing around the world. It may seem unimaginable but there are

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The modern fine dining concept was new to Aruba, and for the first few months it was a challenging time. Thanks to Chef Urvin's outstanding dishes and Mary-Anne's determination, they are now proud, but humbled, to be



considered one of Aruba's top dining establishments with glowing reviews, receiving the award for #1 modern cuisine restaurant on Aruba.

White Modern Cuisine's menu changes every three months, with the exception of a few dishes that are so popular they have earned themselves a fan following on TripAdvisor and Facebook.

The Hoisin Glazed Duck appetizer is one of the

wildly popular dishes that has been on the menu since the opening in 2012, served with Apple and Orange Compote, Pickled Cucumbers, Crispy Rice Chips, Hoisin Maple Glaze and Peanut Butter Powder. Another fixed entrée is Lamb prepared 2 ways, served with Pan-Seared Lamb, Lamb Croquette, Corn Puree, Corn Chips, Sous Vide Garlic Potatoes, Roasted Eggplant, Pico de Gallo, Glazed Baby Corn,

and Chimichurri Sauce. It's amazing how these tastes vary, eating elements separately or in combination with others.

The one dessert item that has been around since opening day is the Chocolate Lava Cake, served with Marinated strawberries, strawberry gel, strawberry macaroons, strawberry chip, chocolate powder, and Ferrero Ice Cream, Mary-Anne's personal favorite.

Consider a wine pairing to perfectly complement your dinner. For the adventurous among you, you can also choose the cocktail pairing. Try the famous White Mojito, one will never be enough.

Highly recommended is also The Kitchen Table by White, chef Urvin's latest venture. The Kitchen Table by White offers a fixed menu, 8-course dinner experience, which can be enhanced with an optional wine pairing. This upscale new restaurant features Caribbean dishes, elevated to haute cuisine by Chef Urvin and has received many glowing reviews since opening last year. Recently, The Kitchen Table was named #1 Caribbean restaurant his year by USA Today.

White Modern Cuisine is conveniently located on the second floor of Palm Beach Plaza Mall, within walking distance of the high rise hotels. Reservations can be made through their website <http://www.whitecuisine.com/reservation/> or by calling 586-1190 or through your hotel concierge. For more information on The Kitchen Table, please visit www.thekitchentablebywhite.com or call 528-7015, or reach out to your hotel concierge.

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Phil Mickelson motions to fans on the 18th hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

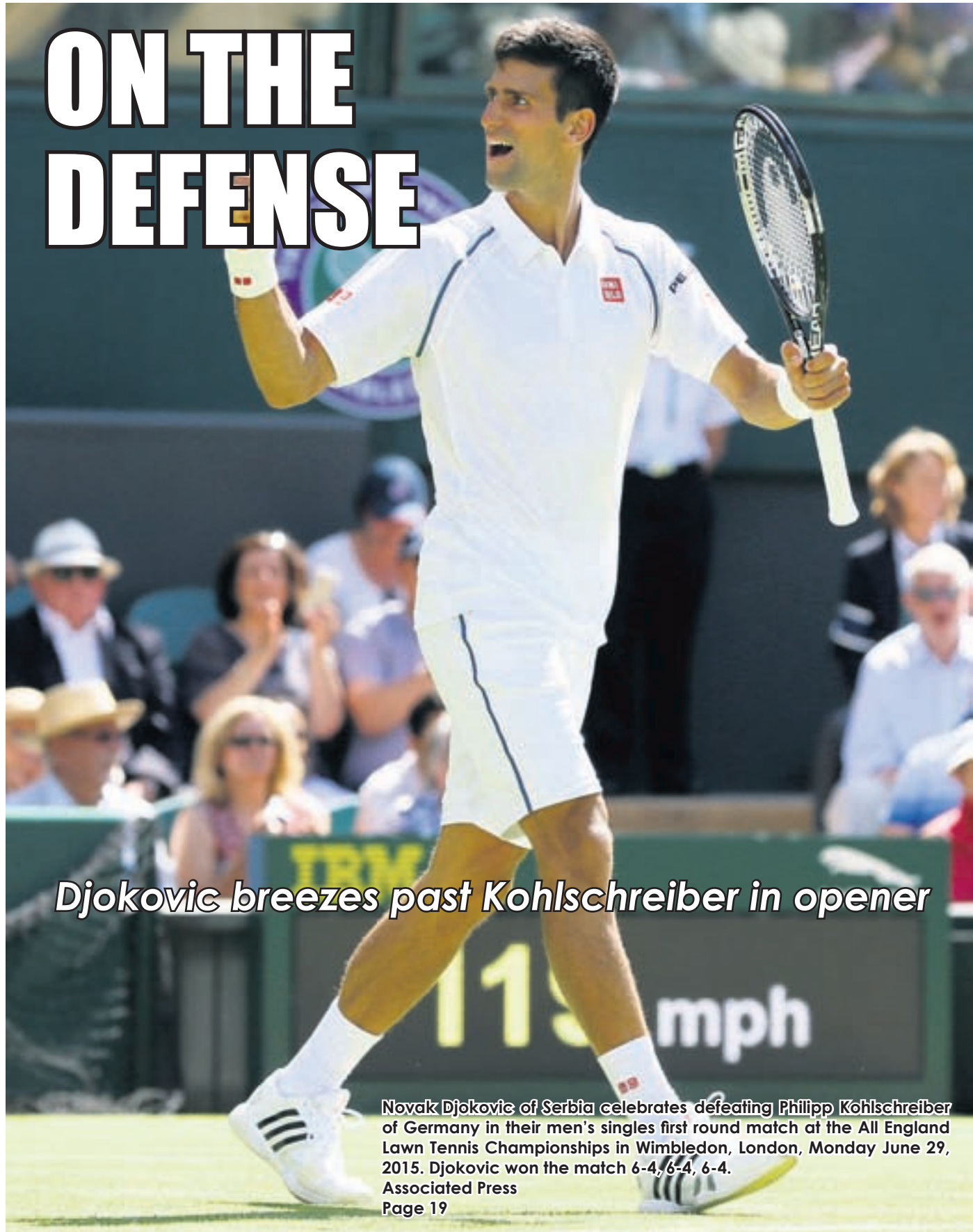
Report: Mickelson tied to money laundering, gambling case

By Ryan Ballengee
Devil Ball Golf

Phil Mickelson wired millions of dollars to a middleman, who then laundered that money as part of "an illegal gambling operation which accepted and placed bets on sporting events," according to a report from ESPN's Outside the Lines. According to the report, Mickelson transferred the money to 56-year-old Greg Silveira of La Quinta, Calif., who has pleaded guilty to three federal counts of money laundering as part of a plea deal. Silveira pled guilty to laundering \$2.75 million that he says belonged to Mickelson, according to the report.

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ON THE DEFENSE



Djokovic breezes past Kohlschreiber in opener

Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates defeating Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany in their men's singles first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday June 29, 2015. Djokovic won the match 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Associated Press
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Kyle Busch grabs 1st win of season as comeback rolls on

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — After two practice sessions at Sonoma Raceway, Kyle Busch spent an evening icing his surgically repaired left foot.

He repeated the routine the night before Sunday's race, all in an effort to minimize pain and give himself the best chance to pick up a much-needed victory.

Just five races after returning from a broken right leg and shattered left foot, Busch made his way to victory lane to continue what already has been an impressive comeback. He chased down Jimmie Johnson to win Sunday at Sonoma Raceway for his first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory in 35 races.

The next goal for Busch? Cracking the top 30 in points to earn a berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"Now I don't have to bust my butt and overdrive the car every week in order to get wins," Busch said. "Now I can just concentrate on running top-three, top-five, top-eight — just getting those finishes and points.



Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race Sunday, June 28, 2015, in Sonoma, Calif.

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"If we can do that, the points have got to come and fall on the line."

Busch was injured when he crashed into a concrete wall during the Feb. 21 Xfinity Series race the day before the Daytona 500. He missed 11 races but recovered far faster than anyone

expected and returned to racing late last month. NASCAR granted him a waiver upon his return that made him Chase eligible should he qualify, and Sunday's victory is the first step. But he still must rank inside the top-30 in points to make the Chase. He started Sun-

day's race ranked 39th in the standings, and the win moved him to 37th.

He has 10 races left to crack the top 30 — he's 136 points out of 30th — and heads next week back to Daytona, where his season nearly ended before it began.

To crack the top 30, Busch has to average roughly a 14th-place finish in each of the next 10 races.

"Certainly it's feasible, this team is good enough," Busch said.

Kurt Busch finished second as the brothers notched their first 1-2 finish in Sprint Cup.

"I was trying to think if we've ever finished one two, and we did it today.

That's a pretty special moment," Kurt Busch said. "I've got over 500 starts. I know he's over 300. Can you imagine, 800 starts between the two of us, we almost have 30 wins each, and that's the first time we've ever finished one-two?"

"I now I wish I would have gotten up there and moved him."

Busch also praised his little brother's comeback from

both his injuries and in winning on a course in which he needed to rely heavily on both legs.

"To have your leg broken, your foot shattered, to never be injured and out of the car ... rehab is very difficult, and it is a mental challenge, and I'm very proud of Kyle for what he's done to get back in the car as soon as he did," Kurt said.

"Then to be competitive at a track with hard, hard braking and to use his left foot to drive to victory lane, I'm very proud of him."

Busch's win at Sonoma was aided by a terrific restart with seven laps remaining. On fresh tires, he picked his way past five cars and set his sights on leader Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson, who did not pit during the final caution, was a sitting duck for drivers on new tires.

Johnson was immediately concerned about not pitting under the final caution when he saw Bowyer lead a pack of cars in for service, but crew chief Chad Knaus remained upbeat on the radio and insisted they were still going to win the race. □

Mickelson

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The plea deal centers around three wire transfers from March 2010 to February 2013 connected to Silveira. In 2010, Silveira first accepted a \$2.75 million wire transfer into a Wells Fargo Bank account from a "gambling client," identified in the report as Mickelson. That money was then transferred in two installments — first \$2.475 million, then \$275,000 — into another of Silveira's bank accounts. Finally, Silveira transferred \$2.475 million into another account he



Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the final round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Sunday, June 21, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

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controlled with JP Morgan Chase Bank. Those transfers constitute money laun-

dering. Silveira will be sentenced on Oct. 5 and could face

up to 60 years in prison, though a much shorter sentence is expected.

Federal prosecutors, Silveira's lawyer, Mickelson and his attorneys, as well the PGA Tour all declined to comment on the case.

Mickelson is golf's highest paid player, taking in an estimated \$51 million in 2014 from both on-course prize money and endorsements with companies including Callaway Golf, Barclays, KPMG, Exxon Mobil, Rolex and Amgen. He is known to routinely play in big-money side games on the PGA Tour.

He is also remembered for

his piece of a preseason bet on the Baltimore Ravens as a 22-to-1 shot to win the Super Bowl before the 2000 season.

They won their first Super Bowl that year in a 34-7 romp of the New York Giants.

In 2014, Mickelson's name surfaced in a federal investigation related to two instances of potential insider trading involving billionaire investor Carl Icahn and legendary sports gambler Billy Walters. Mickelson was cleared in one of those cases, but it's unclear if the second investigation is still ongoing. □



Serena Williams' Wimbledon starts slow; Venus wins 6-0, 6-0

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — As has become customary for Serena Williams of late, she got off to a rocky start.

In her first-round match at Wimbledon on Monday, Williams dropped three of the first four games. She slipped and nearly did the splits, tumbling to the turf. She was warned for using foul language.

And, as has also become customary for Williams, she wound up with a victory.

The No. 1-seeded Williams extended her pursuit of a fourth consecutive major title and her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam, too, by taking 11 of the last 13 games to beat 113th-ranked qualifier Margarita Gasparyan 6-4, 6-1. Williams has won her past 22 Grand Slam matches.

"There are a lot of expectations on her shoulders at the moment," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "It took her maybe six games to get going. At 3-all, she started to relax and play. And then there was no match."

Gasparyan came in 0-3 in tour-level matches and was making her Wimbledon main-draw debut.

"When I (saw) her before match," Gasparyan said, "I thought, 'Oh, my God. I'm playing Serena.'"

Yet the 20-year-old Russian played unafraid at the outset, and her one-handed backhand withstood Williams' power for about a half-hour. Then, Gasparyan explained, Williams began playing "unbelievable," taking five straight games and 22 of 29 points in one stretch.

It was, otherwise, a mostly routine Day 1 for the biggest names on the schedule. Defending champion



Serena Williams of the United States returns a ball to Margarita Gasparyan of Russia in a women's singles first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday June 29, 2015.

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Novak Djokovic — and the player he lost to in the French Open final this month, No. 4 Stan Wawrinka — won in straight sets. So did 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova and two other major title winners and former No. 1-ranked women, Victoria Azarenka and Ana Ivanovic.

Williams improved to 33-1 in 2015, competing for the first time since winning her 20th Grand Slam singles trophy at the French Open. En route to that title, Williams lost the opening set in four matches.

There, Mouratoglou said, "she had to dig deep to find a way to get her real level," in part because Williams was dealing with an illness. On Monday, the cause for the poor begin-

ning was twofold, he said: Williams hadn't played on grass since she was at the All England Club a year ago, and she felt some nerves.

Really? Jitters?

"Of course she's nervous, because she cares. She wants to do well. She wants to win, and she wants it really bad," Mouratoglou said. "If after all these years, she wouldn't be nervous, it would mean, probably, that she would not care enough to keep on playing."

If, a fortnight from now, the 33-year-old Williams were to win Wimbledon for a sixth time, she would be the oldest women's major champion in the Open era of professional tennis, which began in 1968. She also would complete a

self-styled "Serena Slam" of four major titles in a row, something she pulled off in 2002-03.

"It's definitely historic, I guess. But it's also six matches away," Williams said. "It's definitely not guaranteed."

And she would head to the U.S. Open with a chance to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four majors in a single season.

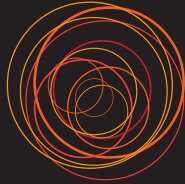
"It's a pretty good chance," Williams' older sister, Venus, said about the prospect of a true Grand Slam. "Hasn't been done that often. But then again, she's done a lot of things that haven't been done that often."

Venus Williams, whose seven Grand Slam titles include five at Wimbledon, could say the same about

herself, including Monday's 6-0, 6-0 victory over 36th-ranked Madison Brengle of the U.S.


It was the first so-called "double bagel" at the All England Club in six years — No. 14 Andrea Petkovic added another later against Shelby Rogers of the U.S. — and first for the elder Williams on a grass court since her first match on the surface, back in 1997. "I don't remember that match," she said. "I'm sure I enjoyed it."

If she and her sister can each win twice more this week, they would face each other Monday in the fourth round. That would be their first Grand Slam meeting since Serena won the 2009 Wimbledon final, and their earliest matchup at a major in a decade. □



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McCann walkoff HR caps Tigers' comeback

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TIGERS 5, WHITE SOX 4

DETROIT (AP) — James McCann hit a solo homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to complete a dramatic Detroit comeback as the Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox.

Detroit trailed 4-0 before scoring four runs in the eighth off Chicago starter Jeff Samardzija. Victor Martinez tied it with a three-run double.

Joakim Soria (3-0) pitched a perfect top of the ninth, and McCann's one-out drive off Zach Putnam (1-3) cleared the fence in left field to end the game.

It was McCann's third homer of the year and his first since May 21, when the rookie catcher went deep in the 11th inning to beat Houston.

BLUE JAYS 3, RANGERS 2
TORONTO (AP) — Josh Donaldson hit his 18th home run and Drew Hutchison won his fifth straight decision as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers.

Donaldson got two hits as the Blue Jays sent Texas to its eighth loss in 10 games. Hutchison (8-1) allowed one unearned run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings. He improved to 6-1 with a 2.12 ERA in eight home starts. Roberto Osuna got four outs for his second save as the Blue Jays beat the Rangers for the 12th time in 16 meetings.

Rougned Odor doubled to start the ninth, but Prince Fielder and Adrian Beltre flied out before Osuna struck out Mitch Moreland on three pitches.

Chi Chi Gonzalez (2-3) lost his third straight decision. He gave up three runs and four hits in six innings.

RED SOX 5, RAYS 3

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(AP) — David Ortiz, Pablo Sandoval and Alejandro De Aza homered to back the pitching of Justin Masterson and lead the Boston Red Sox over the Tampa Bay Rays.

The victory clinched a series win for the last-place Red Sox and stopped Chris Archer's career-best

ASTROS 3, YANKEES 1
HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Carlos Correa doubled twice and scored the tie-breaking run on a triple by Evan Gattis in the seventh inning to help the Houston Astros top the New York Yankees.

Collin McHugh (9-3) allowed a season-low two

out eight in eight innings for the first complete game of his career.

ANGELS 3, MARINERS 2, 10 INNINGS

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Kole Calhoun scored the winning run off a wild pitch by Tom Wilhelmsen in the 10th inning after Albert Pujols grounded into

field, and Pujols grounded into a 6-2-3 double play started by shortstop Brad Miller. But Wilhelmsen uncorked his first wild pitch of the season on a full count with runners at second and third and rookie Kyle Kubitz at the plate.

ORIOLES 4, INDIANS 0, 1ST GAME

ORIOLES 8, INDIANS 0, 2ND GAME

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Tillman pitched seven innings of four-hit ball to win his fourth straight decision as the Baltimore Orioles breezed past the Cleveland Indians to complete a doubleheader sweep.

In the afternoon game, Ubaldo Jimenez (7-3) tossed eight crisp innings and Baltimore got home runs from Jimmy Paredes and Manny Machado.

The sweep boosted the Orioles to the top of the AL East by percentage points over Tampa Bay. Baltimore (41-34) has won 15 of 19 to move a season-high seven games above .500. It was the first time since Sept. 6, 1974, that the Orioles registered shutouts in both games of a doubleheader, according to STATS. The opposition that day was also Cleveland.

Tillman (6-7) struck out six and walked none, and hasn't lost since May 31. After Baltimore scored two unearned runs in the second inning, Chris Davis, Travis Snider and Chris Parmelee homered in a six-run fourth that made it 8-0. The Indians summoned Toru Murata (0-1) from the minors to make his major league debut in the night-cap and allowed five runs in 3 1/3 innings. Trevor Bauer (6-5) gave up four runs, five hits and a walk over seven innings in the earlier game for Cleveland. □



Detroit Tigers' James McCann connects for a walk-off home run during the ninth inning off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Zach Putnam in a baseball game Sunday, June 28, 2015, in Detroit. The Tigers defeated the White Sox 5-4.
Associated Press

six-game winning streak. Ortiz hit a two-run shot off Archer (9-5) in the fourth inning, the slugger's 31st career homer at Tropicana Field — more than any visiting player.

Sandoval and De Aza, who homered for the third time in four days, went deep in the second inning for a 2-0 lead. Sandoval also drove in a sixth-inning run with a sacrifice fly that made it 5-1.

Masterson (3-2) allowed an unearned run and five hits over five innings to win for the first time since beating Baltimore at Fenway Park on April 20.

hits — both singles — and one run and eight strikeouts in eight innings for his third straight win. Luke Gregerson pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save. The game was tied 1-1 when Correa doubled with no outs in the seventh and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Jose Altuve. The triple by Gattis, which sailed just out of reach of center fielder Brett Gardner, scored Correa and put Houston on top 2-1.

New York starter Michael Pineda (8-5) allowed seven hits and three runs — two earned — and struck

a bases-loaded double play against a five-man infield, as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Seattle Mariners.

Trevor Gott (1-0) earned his first major league victory with a perfect 10th. Johnny Giavotella led off the Angels' half of the 10th with a line-drive single off the glove of Wilhelmsen (1-2). Calhoun followed with a hit-and-run single, and Mike Trout was intentionally walked for the second straight time.

Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon then motioned left fielder Dustin Ackley in for a five-man in-



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Matz has record day at plate in debut Mets beat Reds 7-2

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NEW YORK (AP) — In an astonishing debut, Steven Matz became the only major league pitcher to drive in four runs in his first career game while leading the New York Mets to a 7-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Pitching about 50 miles from home with a huge cheering section on hand, Matz (1-0) got three hits in rejuvenating an anemic offense and helping the Mets to a three-game sweep. He was awfully impressive on the mound, too, working into the eighth inning after giving up a home run to his first batter. Matz became the first player — any position — in franchise history to drive in four runs in his first big league game, including a two-run double off Josh Smith (0-1).

The team's latest prized pitching prospect, Matz had to wait 3 1/2 extra hours to make his much-anticipated debut because the teams needed 13 innings to first complete Saturday's game that was suspended by rain. Picking up in the seventh inning, New York won 2-1 with help from two miscues by Reds infielders. Bobby Parnell (1-0) got the win, while Nate Adcock (0-1) took the loss.

DODGERS 2, MARLINS 0 MIAMI (AP) — Zack Greinke pitched 7 2/3 innings for his first victory since May 5 as the Los Angeles Dodgers took the deciding game of their series against the Miami Marlins.

Greinke (6-2) allowed four hits and held the opposition without a run for his third start in a row, extending his scoreless streak to 20 2/3 innings.



New York Mets starting pitcher Steven Matz throws during the first inning of the baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds at Citi Field, Sunday, June 28, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

Adrian Gonzalez had three hits, including an RBI double. Howie Kendrick had two hits and drove in a run.

Two relievers completed a five-hitter for the Dodgers' 11th shutout. Kenley Jansen pitched around a leadoff double in the ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances. The Dodgers have allowed 13 runs in their past eight games, and the bullpen has thrown 12 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings in the past five games.

Jose Urena (1-4) pitched five innings, and a defensive misplay resulted in the only run he allowed. **BRAVES 2, PIRATES 1 PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Alex Wood pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning to win for the first time in five starts as the Atlanta Braves edged the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Jace Peterson hit his third homer for the Braves as they ended a season-high, five-game losing streak.

Wood (5-5) scattered five hits and struck out eight without a walk in 7 1/3 innings. Jason Grilli gave up a run in the ninth, but earned his 21st save.

Atlanta didn't do much against Pittsburgh starter Jeff Locke (4-4), managing only an RBI single by Markakis in the fifth. Peterson homered off reliever Vance Worley in the seventh to give the Braves a little breathing room.

Pirates star Andrew McCutchen went 1 for 4 after getting hit on the left elbow Saturday by a pitch from Julio Teheran. **BREWERS 5, TWINS 3 MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Ryan Braun and Adam Lind hit two-run homers in the eighth inning as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Minnesota Twins.

Down 5-1, the Twins rallied in the ninth. Torii Hunter, who homered twice Saturday, hit a two-run homer off Francisco Rodriguez. Two

outs later, the Twins got a pair of singles before Brian Dozier looked at strike three for the final out. □



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Williams' late jumper gives Shock 8th straight win

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) — Riquna Williams' step-back jump shot put Tulsa ahead by two points with 10.9 seconds left as the Shock held off the Seattle Storm 93-89 on Sunday to equal a club record with their eighth straight victory.

The Shock also had an eight-game winning streak while based in Detroit in 2003.

Karima Christmas' 3-point-er with 44.9 seconds gave Tulsa (8-1) its first lead in nearly 5 minutes at 89-87. Skylar Diggins, who finished with 31 points, banged her knee on the play and had to leave the game.

Ramu Tokashiki tied it for the Storm (2-7), and Williams hit the go-ahead jumper with her foot on the 3-point line.

Seattle's Renee Montgomery missed a long-distance attempt with time running out. Christmas grabbed the rebound and added two free throws with less than a second remaining. Williams and Plenette Pierson each added 19 points for Tulsa. Pierson surpassed 3,500 career points.

Tokashiki and Jewell Loyd each had 21 points for the Storm. It was a career high for Loyd.

MYSTICS 86, SKY 71

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emma Meesseman scored 20 points and Stefanie Dolson added a career-high



Chicago Sky guard Jamierra Faulkner (21) is fouled by Washington Mystics guard Natasha Cloud (15) during the first half of a WNBA basketball game Sunday, June 28, 2015 in Washington. The Mystics won 86-71.

Associated Press

19 along with 10 rebounds to lead Washington past Chicago.

Taylor Hill tied a career best with 16 points and Ivory Latta matched her.

The victory made Mike Thibault the winningest coach for the Mystics (6-3), reaching 39 wins in his third season.

Elena Delle Donne scored 26 points to lead Chicago (5-4), which had a three-game winning streak snapped. The former Delaware star, who is averaging 29 points a game, sank all eight of her free throws and has made 48 straight. She's two short of her own mark set last year and 18

off the league record held by Eva Nemcova according to information provided by the WNBA from the Elias Sports Bureau. She's 81 of 83 (98 percent) for the season.

LIBERTY 79, SPARKS 70

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar Rodgers scored a career-high 23 points as New York beat winless Los Angeles to end a two-game home losing streak.

Tina Charles added 16 points and Tanisha Wright 12 to help the Liberty (5-4) overcome a career-high 30 points from the Sparks' Kristi Toliver, making her WNBA season debut after returning from EuroBasket.

Jantel Lavender added 14 points, and Nneka Ogwu-mike had 13 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for her first double-double this season for Los Angeles (0-7), down to eight players after Andrea Hoover injured her left foot in a game Friday night. □



Seattle Sounders' Lamar Neagle (27) scores against Portland Timbers' goalie Adam Kwarasey, center, during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Portland, Ore., Sunday, June 28, 2015.

Associated Press

Fanendo Adi leads Timbers past Sounders

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— Nigerian forward Fanendo Adi scored twice in a 3-minute span in the second half to help the Portland Timbers beat the Seattle Sounders 4-1 in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Seattle (equalized in the 38th minute, with Lamar Neagle volleying a side-footed shot past goalkeeper Adam Kwarasey for his fourth goal of the season. Rodney Wallace capped the scoring in second-half stoppage time. He took a pass from Maximiliano Urruti near the top of the box and placed a shot into the upper left corner for his first goal of the season.

Adi made it 2-1 in the 74th minute. Darlington Nagbe shrugged off a defender to take the ball toward the goal and passed to Adi near the penalty spot. The forward sent a shot curling past diving goalkeeper Stefan Frei and into the upper right corner.

Two minutes later, Adi struck again. He dribbled into the Seattle box and ripped a low shot past Frei for his eighth goal of the season. It was his seventh multi-goal game since joining Portland in May 2014.

Nagbe opened the scoring for Portland in the 12th minute with his first goal of the season. He ran onto a pass from Diego Valeri, dribbled a few strides, and blasted a 25-yarder inside the left post.

Red Bulls 3, NYCFC 1

In New York, Bradley Wright-Phillips started a comeback with an early second-half goal as the New York Red Bulls stormed past New York City FC 3-1.

Thomas McNamara gave City the lead in the sixth minute, setting up his own half-volley with a chest trap off Andrew Jacobson's header.

Wright-Phillips made it 1-1 in the 47th minute, ending his six-game scoreless drought with a left-footed volley. □



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Looking for love on a dating app? You may find music instead

MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In your quest to find a date, a spouse or a hook-up, you might discover something else when using dating apps: new music.

From Madonna to Mariah Carey, an increasing number of acts are looking to platforms like Tinder and Match to promote their music and reach their fans on-the-go. Madonna's latest album was advertised on Grindr, an app for gay men, while Jason Derulo looked to Tinder to debut a music video.

Carey launched a profile on Match.com to premiere her music video for the single, "Infinity," and last week DJ-producer Afrojack took over Match's Twitter account for eight hours to answer questions about love and relationships while promoting his new single, "SummerThing!"

"You want to go where your fans are, where your potential fans are. And you can't just promote on iTunes — you've got to think of other ways to reach an audience," said Joel Simkhai, the founder and CEO of Grindr.

Simkhai said Madonna's team contacted Grindr about collaborating. They launched a contest around Valentine's Day where users would change their profile photos to mimic the album cover of "Rebel Heart" — where Madonna's face is wrapped with wires. Five winners earned a chance to live chat with the pop icon, who released the album in March.

"She was very keen with having chats with actual Grindr users," Simkhai said.

"That was her idea."

Gay fans have long supported Madonna, who has advocated gay rights for decades. Grindr also worked with Lady Gaga in 2011 when she released "Born This Way," even pro-

mo-ting.

"Music is something that is so woven into the life of millennials, as is meeting new people, that there's just an incredible amount of overlap between the two," said Phil Schwartz,

albums sold on Tinder, but the sales from the app counted toward the 39,000 copies "True Colors" pushed in its first week, helping it debut at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

site appeared in the music video for his song "Ridin Solo" in 2010. The dating service also appeared in Britney Spears, Flo Rida and Kesha's videos. In addition to finding a place in Gaga's "Telephone" video, PlentyofFish worked with the star during a U.S. tour, giving fans a chance to win tickets and backstage passes.

Other artists also have found ways to work with dating apps: Hilary Duff, a regular Tinder user for real dates, used the app's interface in her latest music video, and Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst is the director behind recent commercials for eHarmony, the dating service that has worked with Natalie Cole and used her hit, "This Will Be," in TV and radio ads.

Grindr—which has 2 million active daily users — said the company's success with music partnerships is leading to more work this summer. After collaborating with Madonna, who has a deal with Live Nation, Grindr is continuing to work with the concert promoter and is expected to launch campaigns with Nicki Minaj and Idina Menzel.

Grindr is also expected to work with Ciara, Jessie J, Disclosure and others through Goldenvoice, the company that created the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, operates music venues and promotes hundreds of concerts each year.

"This is a win-win for us. Our users are very interested in music, very interested in entertainment," Simkhai said. "We like to show them things that (are) relevant to them." □



In this Feb. 8, 2015 file photo, Madonna performs at the 57th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

viding a link to iTunes to download the No. 1 hit. Zedd, the Grammy-winning DJ-producer, worked with Tinder to promote his album, "True Colors," released last month. While searching for suitors, Tinder users would come across Zedd's promotional profile and if they swiped right — which means "like" — they could purchase the 25-year-old's album at a discounted price of \$3.99 (it currently costs \$7.99 on

Tinder's head of marketing. "Tinder's always been talked about as a social discovery app, and I think this is more evidence that this is true."

"Tinder is where millennials are, and if you combine that with the fact that the platform is highly, highly engaging, you have something really, really powerful," he added.

Tinder or Interscope Records, Zedd's label, wouldn't say how many

Schwartz said 85 percent of Tinder users are between the ages 18-34, and the average user spends about 11 minutes on the app each day — one of the main reasons Derulo launched the video for "Want to Want Me," a Top 5 hit, on Tinder.

"I see this app as the wave of the future. I know my fans will swipe right," Derulo said in a statement. PlentyofFish also worked with Derulo when the web-

Wall Street notches worst day of year over Greece

MATTHEW CRAFT
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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Fears that Greece's troubles

an officials refused to extend the country's bailout program, which expires on Tuesday, the same day it's supposed to make a debt

In Europe, Germany's DAX lost 3.6 percent while France's CAC-40 lost 3.7 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares fell

government to close banks and announce limits on withdrawals. Pictures of long lines at bank machines in Athens appeared on television screens around the world.

"Whenever you see any kind of bank line, there is in the back of investors' mind the thought: 'What if it spreads? What if people panic?'" said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist at Voya Investment Management. "What's going on in Europe, of course it's going to roil markets in the short term," But for U.S. investors, she said, "the long-term impact is not that big of a deal."

The last time Greece's troubles shook U.S. markets, there were plenty of other problems. In 2012, Spain had entered a recession, and the worry was that it was too big of a country to rescue. Sputtering U.S. job growth added to the anxiety. That spring, the S&P 500 index lost 9.9 percent within two months. Investors sought safety in U.S. Treasury bonds, driving long-term interest to historic lows.

Back then, the fear was that a financial crisis would spread from Greece to the rest of Europe "because these economies were very fragile," Cavanaugh said. The rating agency Standard & Poor's said Monday that it interprets the Greek government's decision to hold a referendum as a sign that it will put "domestic politics over financial and economic stability, commercial debt payments and eurozone membership." □



A screen above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, shows the closing number for the Dow Jones industrial average, Monday, June 29, 2015. Stocks are closed with their biggest losses of the year as investors worry about fallout from Greece's worsening debt crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 350 points, or 2 percent, to 17,596. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

could spread through the global financial system shook markets on Monday, driving U.S. stocks to their worst day of the year.

Investors fled from stocks in Europe and the U.S. and retreated to the safety of government bonds. Measures of volatility spiked. In many ways, it looked similar to previous episodes in Europe's long-running debt crisis, except that this time, investors said, they weren't quite as worried.

A series of events over the weekend left Greece perilously close to defaulting on its debts. Greece's Prime Minister, Alexis Tsipras, said his government would hold a referendum on budget proposals made by the country's lenders. Europe-

payment to the International Monetary Fund.

Jeff Carbone, a senior partner at Cornerstone Financial Partners, said the real worry isn't so much Greece, a country with an economy roughly the size of Missouri's. "It's the contagion risk. If Greece goes, who's next? This isn't about Greece; it's what happens next."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 43.85 points, or 2.1 percent, to 2,057.64. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 350.33 points, or 2 percent, to 17,596.35, and the Nasdaq composite fell 122.04 points, or 2.4 percent, to 4,958.47.

The losses wiped out all the gains for the Dow and S&P 500 indexes this year.

2 percent. Greece's stock market was closed. Investors bought German and British government bonds, which are seen as safe havens, and sold bonds issued by Greece's government, sending those yields sharply higher.

"We are really looking at a situation where the market doesn't know what the fallout is going to be," said David Lafferty, chief market strategist at Natixis Global Asset Management. "But the U.S. market feels that it is relatively contained at this point."

Over the weekend, the European Central Bank refused to extend its emergency support for Greece's banking system. That prompted the Greek

AP: Chinese premier calls for deal to keep Greece in eurozone

JOHN DAHLBURG
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The prime minister of China, the European Union's No. 2 trading partner, called Monday on Greece and its creditors to reach a last-minute deal that will allow Greece to remain in the eurozone.

"Whether Greece stays within the euro is not only a question that concerns Europe, but also concerns China and Europe," Li Keqiang told reporters at the end of an EU-China summit meeting in Brussels. "In addition, this is also something that concerns world financial stability and economic recovery."

Li noted his country is a major customer and supplier for the 28-nation EU, and a long-term holder of eurobonds. He said China is in favor of a united and prosperous EU, as well as a strong euro.

"That is why China wants to see Greece stay in the euro, stay in the eurozone, and we urge relevant creditors to reach an agreement with the Greek government at an early time," the Chinese premier said. Li's visit marked the 40th anniversary of the establishment of official ties between China and the EU. According to EU officials, China is the bloc's second most important trading partner behind the United States, accounting in 2014 for 14 percent of its total trade in goods outside the EU, compared to 9 percent in 2004.

One of Li's hosts, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, said two-way trade now surpasses 1 billion euros (dollars) a day, but added in a speech that "we have to do better to interconnect." One area where China and the EU haven't seen eye to eye is restrictions on carbon emissions. Li told reporters China is making "strenuous efforts" and will inform U.N. officials by Tuesday of its proposed national contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, in preparation for the international conference on climate change to be held in Paris this November and December. □

GE selling some fleet shops to Element for \$6.9B

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — General Electric Co. is selling its U.S., Mexico, Australia and New Zealand fleet businesses to Element Financial Corp. for \$6.9 billion.

GE Capital Fleet Services provides commercial car and truck financing and fleet-management services. GE recently announced it would sell most

of GE Capital over the next two years.

GE Capital Chairman and CEO Keith Sherin said in a written statement that the company is on track to sell off businesses worth about \$100 billion by the end of the year and expects to be finished with the sales by the end of 2016.

Element Financial is a fleet management and equip-

ment finance company. GE Capital sold its Canadian fleet business to Element in 2013.

The U.S. and Mexico deal is expected to close in the third quarter, while the Australia and New Zealand transaction is targeted to close in the fourth quarter. The Fairfield, Connecticut-based company also said Monday that it has a mem-

orandum of understanding for the possible sale of its European fleet businesses to BNP Paribas subsidiary Arval. If approved, the deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter.

BNP Paribas, through Arval, specializes in vehicle leasing.

The transactions don't include GE Capital's fleet business in Japan. □

Disney merges consumer product, interactive divisions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Disney is merging its consumer product and interactive divisions, a move that acknowledges the shared goals of important product lines like the Disney Infinity video game franchise and the upcoming line of wearable toys called Playmation. The change is “in response to changing consumer preferences in a marketplace increasingly influ-

enced by technology,” the Burbank, California, company said Monday. The new division also includes its publishing unit, which puts out children's books, e-books and apps and had been part of consumer products previously. The combined unit will be co-chaired by the presidents of the consumer products and interactive divisions, Leslie Ferraro and Jimmy Pitaro.

Although the Walt Disney Co. is aiming to maximize efficiencies along with speeding innovation, it is not planning any layoffs. The change ends a rocky reporting period for the Interactive division, which posted years of big losses upon having its results broken out in late 2008. The unit was stung by an expensive foray into console games. An attempt to push into mobile and social games

with the purchase of game makers Tapulous and Playdom in 2010 largely fell flat. The division finally became consistently profitable starting in the quarter through September 2013, lifted by the launch of Disney Infinity, a video game series that links real-world toys with on-screen virtual worlds and spans characters from Disney, Pixar and in the future, Marvel and Star Wars.

Tom Staggs, Disney's chief operating officer who had been tasked with overseeing the combination, said in a statement, “a shared innovation strategy will enable this new segment to create unique and engaging products and experiences.” Financial reporting changes will start in the quarter through December that begins Disney's fiscal 2016. □

US pending home sales climb to 9-year high in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans signed contracts to purchase homes in May, as pending sales climbed to their highest level in more than nine years.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index rose 0.9 percent to 112.6 last month. The index has increased 10.4 percent over the past 12 months, putting it just below the April 2006 level — which was more than a year before the housing bust triggered the Great Recession.

The steady job growth coupled with low but rising mortgage rates has created greater urgency to buy homes. The gains reflect both a stronger economy but also the pressures to purchase a home before both prices and the cost of borrowing become potentially unaffordable.

“The May pending sales index points to either a small gain in actual sales

in June or at least a maintenance of the stronger pace reported for May,” said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at the consultancy MFR.

Completed sales of existing homes jumped 5.1 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million, the Realtors said last week. Median home prices climbed 7.9 percent over the past 12 months to \$228,700, about \$1,700 shy of the July 2006 peak.

The recent gains are not evenly spread.

The number of signed contracts increased in the higher-priced Northeast and West markets last month, while dipping in the Midwest and South.

Pending sales are a barometer of future purchases. A one- to two-month lag usually exists between a contract and a completed sale.

Employers have added 3.1 million jobs over the past 12 months, as the six-year recovery is finally generating the momentum to sustain



A 'sold' sign is posted at a new home development in Nashville, Tenn. The National Association of Realtors released its May report on pending home sales, which are seen as a barometer of future purchases, on Monday, June 29, 2015.
(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

job growth at a pace that is boosting home sales.

Relatively low mortgage rates have aided the real estate market. But those same rates have increased in recent weeks, potentially causing more would-be buyers to close sales before higher rates hurt their ability to purchase a home.

Average rates for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage were 4.02 percent last week, up slightly from 4 percent in the prior week, according to mortgage giant Freddie Mac. The average has risen from a 52-week low of 3.59 percent.

Some economists say that the job gains should be ad-

equate to overcome the drag from higher rates.

“We think the housing market can cope with slightly higher mortgage rates, taking home sales to new post-crash highs over the next few months,” said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. □

Sysco pulling out of US Foods buyout after FTC move

NEW YORK (AP) — Sysco is scrapping its proposed \$3.5 billion buyout of US Foods after a Federal Trade Commission legal victory that temporarily blocked the deal to combine the two food-service companies.

The FTC opposed the deal, saying it would reduce competition by putting 75 percent of the national

market for suppliers to restaurants and other food-service operations under the control of one company. The U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., granted the halt on Tuesday.

The end of the deal will cost Sysco. It will pay \$300 million to US Foods and \$12.5 million to another company, Performance Foods Group, in breakup

fees. Performance Foods had a deal to buy 11 US Foods facilities in 11 markets.

The deal, announced in December 2013, was originally intended to close in 2014, but opposition from antitrust regulators delayed that.

“After reviewing our options, including whether to appeal the Court's deci-

sion, we have concluded that it's in the best interests of all our stakeholders to move on,” said Bill DeLaney, Sysco president and CEO, in a statement.

DeLaney said the company will continue to pursue cost-saving opportunities and acquisitions. The company's board of directors has also approved an additional \$3 billion in stock

buybacks over the next two years to offset dilution from benefit and stock option plans.

Shares of Sysco, based in Houston, rose 1.6 percent to \$39 in premarket trading. Rosemont, Illinois-based US Foods is jointly owned by the investment firms Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co. L.P. □

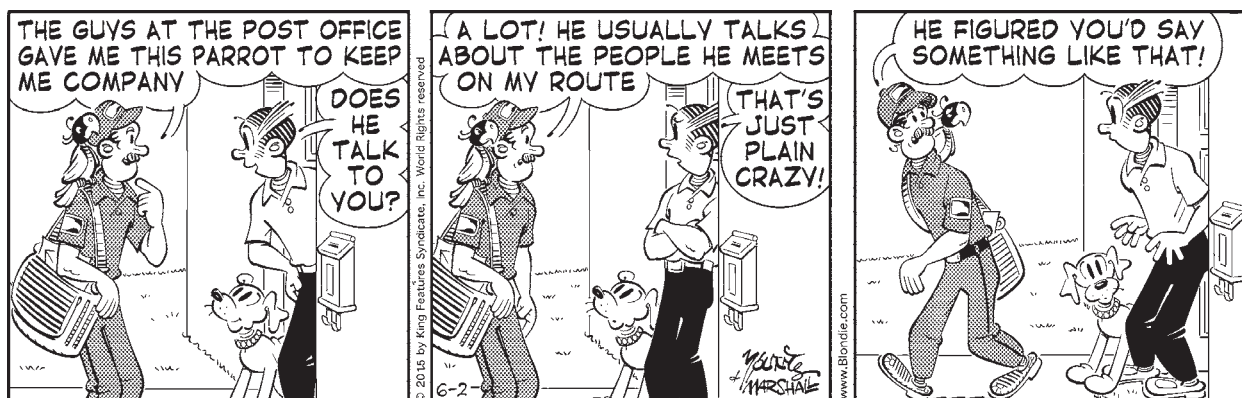
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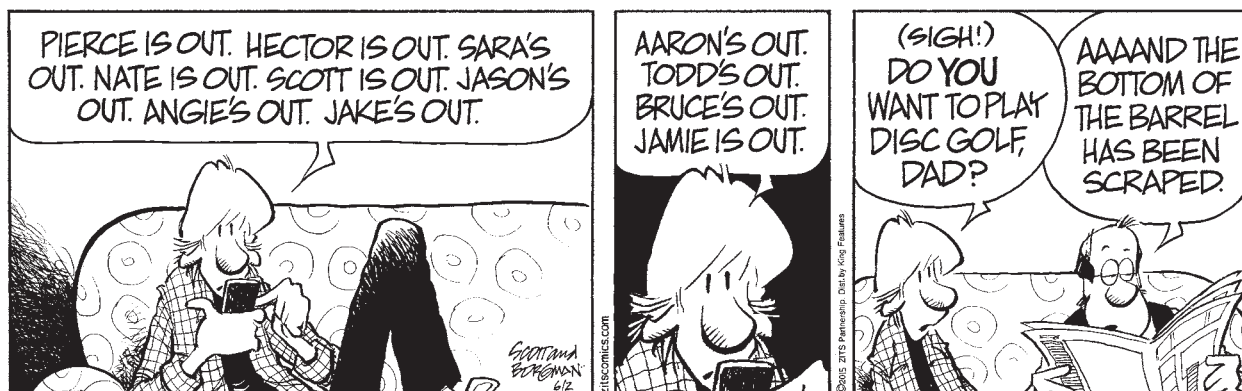
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

8	5	4	7	3	2	9	1	6
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ for; chooses
- 5 Repairs
- 10 As hairy ___ ape
- 14 Hawaiian island
- 15 Monastery head
- 16 Zero
- 17 Traveler's stops
- 18 Romney's defeater
- 19 Swindles
- 20 Wobbles
- 22 Opposed to
- 24 Cotton gin man ___ Whitney
- 25 Church walkway
- 26 Sneezey or Doc
- 29 Olive Oyl's hairdo
- 30 Bury
- 34 All ___; listening
- 35 Singer Davis
- 36 Part of the eye
- 37 Of ___; legally an adult
- 38 UFO driver, perhaps
- 40 Paper sack
- 41 British capital
- 43 Suffix for art or balloon
- 44 Uncle Ben's ___
- 45 Slow crawler
- 46 ___ double take; look twice
- 47 Daring deeds
- 48 African nation
- 50 Facial twitch
- 51 Made unclear
- 54 Hatch or Boxer
- 58 Suffer defeat
- 59 Pres. John Quincy ___
- 61 "The ___ Ranger"
- 62 Runs up a tab
- 63 Counter an argument
- 64 Plenty
- 65 Cots and cribs
- 66 Sediment
- 67 Thin opening

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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AVID	TRIAL	DOZE
DES	BEAST	RAVEN
SMELLY	HONEST	
GAL	KEBAB	
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ANNS	TOEYE	PREY
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DOWN

- 1 Leave out
- 2 Window glass
- 3 Melody
- 4 Malia & Sasha
- 5 Native New Zealander
- 6 Diminishes
- 7 Knicks' org.
- 8 Realm
- 9 Male animals
- 10 Very old
- 11 In just a bit
- 12 Blyth & Cusack
- 13 Cozy home
- 21 Leprechaun
- 23 Unfamiliar
- 25 ___ off; sell to the high bidder
- 26 Great buys
- 27 On the ___; not drinking
- 28 Sports building
- 29 Saloon
- 31 Leg bone
- 32 ___ legislation; make laws
- 33 Hits the ceiling
- 35 Gent
- 36 Traitor
- 38 Back tooth
- 39 "There ___ tavern in the..."
- 42 Stray off topic
- 44 Remembers
- 46 Walk unsteadily
- 47 Swim ___; diver's flipper
- 49 Chin hair
- 50 Examinations
- 51 Shapeless mass
- 52 Actor Rob ___
- 53 Pre-owned
- 54 Self-satisfied
- 55 Wrench or saw
- 56 Hold ___; save
- 57 Take a nap
- 60 Mayor Beame

As Kurds gain in Syria; Turkish government ponders military action



Turkish soldiers stand as people from the Syrian town of Ayn al-Arab or Kobani wait to cross into Turkey following the attacks by IS militants as seen from the Turkish side of the border in Suruc, Turkey.

(AP Photo)

**SUZAN FRASER
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ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — As Kurdish rebels in northern Syria rack up wins against the Islamic State group, Turkish media is abuzz with talk of a long-debated military intervention to push the Islamic militants back from the Turkish border — a move that will also outflank any Kurdish attempts to create a state along Turkey's southern frontier. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan chaired a National Security Council meeting Monday which covered developments in Syria and pro-government newspapers were rife with purported proposals, ranging from loosening the rules of engagement to give Turkish troops a freer hand to fire into Syria, to a tanks-and-troops invasion aimed at occupying a 110-kilometer (70-mile) long, 33-kilometer (20-mile) wide buffer zone.

The burst of tough talk has analysts "scratching their heads about what to make of all of this," Aaron Stein, an associate fellow at the London-based RUSI think tank, said in a Twitter message.

In a telephone interview, Stein said the new talk of action was due in part to dramatic Kurdish gains in Syria, where rebels have scored a series of victories against IS, most notably in the border town of Tal Aby-

ad. That key transit point is not far from the IS's Syrian power base of Raqqa. The capture of Tal Abyad opened ways for Kurds to connect their stronghold in Syria's northeast to the once-badly isolated border town of Kobani — which famously resisted a months-long Islamic State siege — and perhaps even the Kurdish enclave of Afrin in Syria's northwest. Turkish officials fear the creation of a vast and contiguous zone of Kurdish control could stir up separatist sentiment among its own Kurdish minority. Ankara is concerned over reports that Kurdish rebels are chasing other ethnic groups, such as Arabs and Turkmens, out of the areas under their control.

Ankara is also eager to shake accusations that it is turning a blind eye to the Islamic State group — especially after photos were published showing the grinning fanatics within a stone's throw of the Turkish border during the battle for Tal Abyad, Stein said. There is no evidence that Turkey did anything except stay out of the fight, but Stein said the pictures were embarrassing.

"You had ISIS fighters walking within 10 feet (3 meters) of the border, smiling and waving at Turkish border guards," he said, using an acronym for Islamic State. "That gives the impression of complicity."

It's very damaging to Ankara."

The idea of military intervention across the border remains unpopular in Turkey. Any battles in urban areas would almost certainly mean heavy casualties in a fight against a determined and entrenched foe. The Dogan News Agency on Monday broadcast footage of what it said were IS militants digging ditches and planting mines across from the Turkish border.

Even a more limited intervention, such as artillery or air strikes, could increase the flow of Syrians seeking shelter in Turkey, which is already burdened with the world's largest number of refugees. □

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Hyundai sees green future in hydrogen-powered cars

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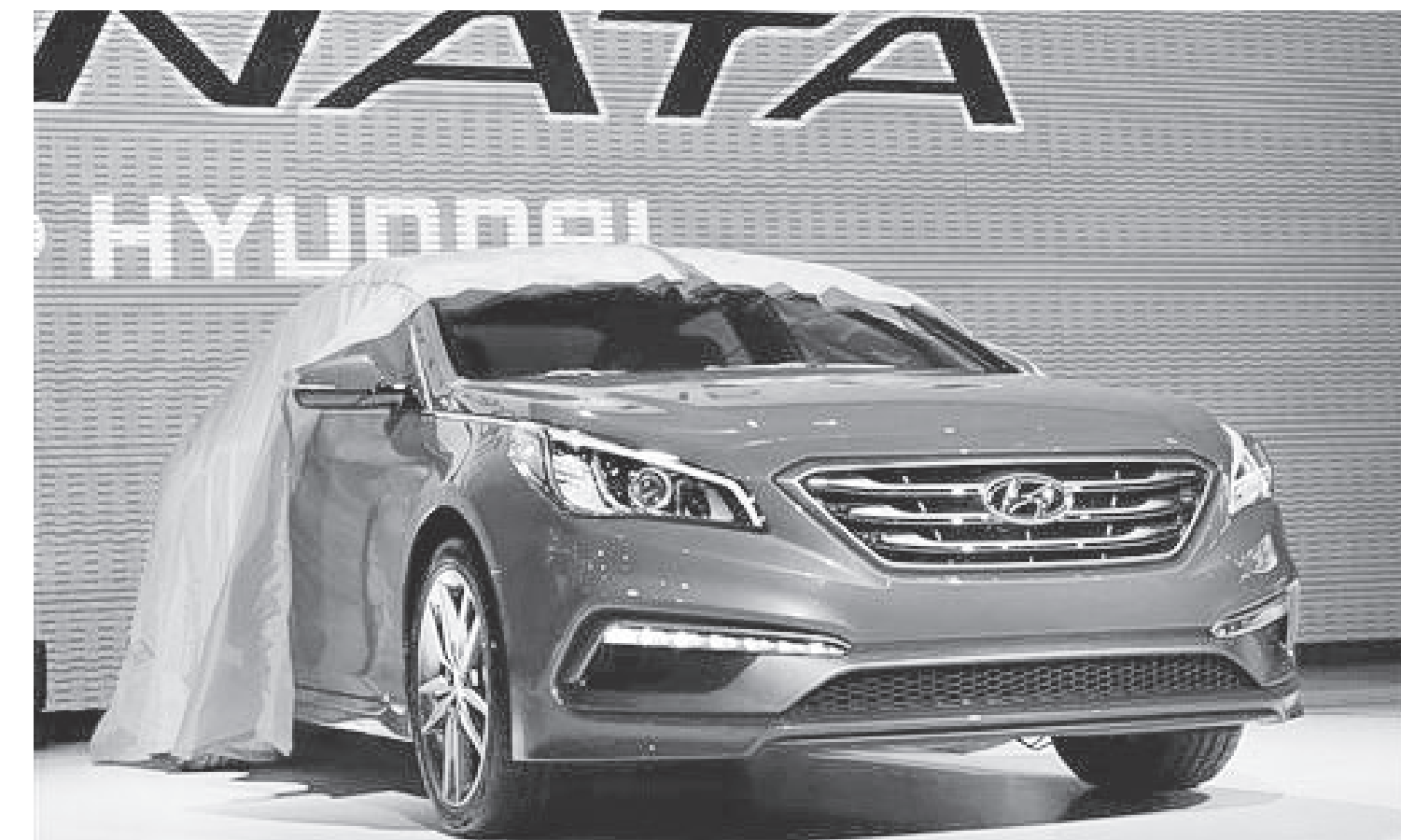
YONGIN, South Korea (AP)

— Hyundai Motor Co. said Monday it believes hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are the future for eco-friendly cars despite challenges of limited infrastructure and slow sales.

South Korea's largest automaker has sold or leased 273 Tucson fuel cell SUVs since beginning production in 2013, lower than its 1,000 target, mostly in Europe and California.

Kim Sae Hoon, general manager at Hyundai's fuel cell engineering design team, said fuel cell cars represent a bigger opportunity than electric cars because competition is less fierce. Hydrogen-powered cars also give more flexibility to designers, he said. They can be scaled to big vehicles such as buses as well as small cars.

They can also be refueled as quickly as gasoline cars while traveling more miles than electric vehicles. The Tucson's Europe model, called ix35 Fuel Cell, can travel up to 594 kilometers



In this April 16, 2014 file photo, the 2015 Hyundai Sonata is introduced at the New York International Auto Show, in New York.

Associated Press

(369 miles) while its U.S. model travels up to 265 miles (426 kilometers) on one charge. It emits water vapor and no greenhouse gases. High prices and the

dearth of fueling stations are barriers to sales of fuel cell vehicles. Hyundai said it will be another 10 years before hydrogen cars start gaining wider acceptance. In the meantime, sales of eco-friendly cars are dominated by hybrid models such as Toyota's Prius and electric vehicles such as Nissan's Leaf, which are more affordable than fuel cell cars. Hyundai also produces hybrid cars and electric vehicles. It plans to invest 11.3 trillion won (\$10 billion) in eco-friendly technology including hy-

brid cars, electric battery vehicles and hydrogen fuel cells in the four years from 2015. To boost sales, Hyundai slashed the Tucson fuel cell's price in South Korea in February to 85 million won (\$76,000) from 150 million won (\$134,000). South Korean customers are local government offices as there is no government subsidy for consumers. South Korea's government plans to establish 10 charging stations for fuel cell cars and expects 1,000 hydrogen-powered vehicles will be on the streets in South

Korea by 2020.

Japan started production of hydrogen-powered cars later than South Korea but such vehicles are experiencing faster growth in Japan with support from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government.

Toyota started sales of its Mirai fuel cell sedan in December and has decided to increase production to 3,000 vehicles in 2017, which is quadruple production this year. The company said it received 1,500 orders in the first month of sales in Japan. □



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Rodgers and Hammerstein bio coming in 2018

NEW YORK (AP) — A biography of Rodgers and Hammerstein, written with the cooperation of the late Broadway team's publishing arm, will be come out in 2018.

Henry Holt and Company announced Monday that Todd S. Purdum's book, "Rogers and Hammerstein," also will draw upon materials recently made available at the Library of Congress.

The book's release is timed for the 75th anniversary of Richard Rodgers' and Oscar Hammerstein II's first collaboration, "Oklahoma!" Their other musicals included "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific."

Purdum is a contributing editor to Vanity Fair and a senior writer at Politico. □

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NEW YORK (AP) — A biography of Rodgers and Hammerstein, written with the cooperation of the late Broadway team's publishing arm, will be come out in 2018.

Henry Holt and Company announced Monday that Todd S. Purdum's book, "Rogers and Hammerstein," also will draw upon materials recently made available at the Library of Congress.

The book's release is timed for the 75th anniversary of Richard Rodgers' and Oscar Hammerstein II's first collaboration, "Oklahoma!" Their other musicals included "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific."

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NBC to Donald Trump: You're fired



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump casts a shadow against papers he used while speaking to members of the City Club of Chicago, Monday, June 29, 2015, in Chicago.
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NEW YORK (AP) — NBC said Monday that it is ending its business relationship with mogul and GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump because of comments he made about Mexican immigrants during the announcement of his campaign.

The network said it would no longer air the annual Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, which had been a joint venture between the company and Trump. Miss USA has aired on NBC since 2003, and this year's edition was set for July 12.

"At NBC, respect and dignity for all people are cornerstones of our values," NBC said in a statement. Trump's reply: a "weak" NBC should prepare to meet him in court.

NBC's action comes less than a week after Univision similarly decided to ditch Trump and the pageants. Trump has also been a fixture on NBC as host of "The Apprentice" and its celebrity offshoot, and an agreement that he would no longer be on the show predated the current controversy. The network said Monday that it and producer Mark Burnett are exploring ways to continue "Celebrity Apprentice" sans Trump.

Trump said he anticipated losing the business relationship and that he's not apologizing for his statements because they "were correct."

"Whatever they want to do is OK with me," Trump told reporters in Chicago after a campaign speech to civic leaders.

But in a statement issued by his company in New York, Trump said "NBC is weak, and like everybody else is trying to be politically correct. That is why our country is in serious trouble." He said he'd consider suing, as he plans to do with Univision. He also took a shot at NBC's decision to demote, but not fire, news anchor Brian Williams for telling false stories about some of the reporting he was involved in.

"They will stand behind lying Brian Williams, but won't stand behind people that tell it like it is, as unpleasant as that may be," he said.

During his presidential kickoff speech, Trump said Mexican immigrants are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists and some, I assume, are good people." He called for building a wall along the southern border of the United States. Trump later said that his remarks were directed at U.S. policymakers, not the

Mexican government or its people.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, a group of 39 Latino advocacy organizations, had called on NBC to get out of business with Trump. Similarly, a petition urging the same thing on the Change.org website had gathered more than 218,000 signatures.

In a sense, NBC's hand was forced by Univision's decision. NBC's parent company, NBC Universal, owns Telemundo, the chief competitor to Univision among Spanish-language networks in the United States. Telemundo lost the contract to air Miss USA and Miss Universe to Univision.

"If they need and value the Latino community, they needed to show they knew the depth of the insult that came from Trump," said Felix Sanchez, organizer for the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

Dozens of protesters — from immigrant and Latino rights groups — waited outside of a downtown Chicago restaurant where Trump spoke. Their chants included "No more hate!"

Maritza Vaca, with the Chicago-based Accion Hispano, said immigrants have rights and was upset by Trump's comments. "It is racism," she said. □

Early, weighty choices in 'Frontline' doc 'Growing Up Trans'

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NEW YORK (AP) — "Growing Up Trans" explores the transgender phenomenon as younger people than ever (and their parents) now experience it: a frontier of possibilities and unknowns, and a minefield of high-stakes choices for these youngsters as they also navigate the changes adolescence brings.

Airing on the "Frontline" documentary series (Tuesday on PBS; check local listings), it begins with 9-year-old Lia (formerly Liam) Hegarty, who says she transitioned when she was about 7 and now is "almost completely female."

Ticking off the steps with each finger, she says, "I've changed my name, my clothes, my room and my pronouns. And that's really all you need." Except for the fifth step, she adds, looking ahead as she presents her thumb: "Surgery and medicine."

But through it all looms doubt and risk.

"We're asking families to take some leaps of faith," says Dr. Robert Garofalo of Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, who cites vexing uncertainties from as-yet-unproven drugs and procedures.

"How realistic is it to believe that a 14-, 15-, or 16-year-old has the capacity to

make that kind of decision for him or herself? But at the same time, to deny them — that's tough," he says. "This is tough stuff."

Ariel (formerly Ian), 13, wants to have children someday, but not from sperm that could be stored

curve about transgenderism, the younger generation — whether trans or not — seems to be dealing with it. That was what led filmmakers Miri Navasky and Karen O'Connor to choose kids as their focus.

"We thought going in-

trailblazers like Chaz Bono and Caitlyn Jenner.

The veteran "Frontline" filmmaking team spent more than a year on "Growing Up Trans," which left them marveling at how their young subjects "had processed an enormous

form, and when faced with so many choices and medical unknowns?"

Alex's parents feel burdened as they weigh the unknown consequences of puberty blockers meant to halt his menstruation. At 13, Alex (formerly Karen) dreams of a flat chest, a deep voice and an Adam's apple. He loves to skateboard with a couple of guys who, in a boys-will-be-boys display of male bonding, share how they "show him the ropes" of being a dude — like directing him to burp out loud ("don't try to hold it in").

When his parents meet with Alex's doctor to sign consent forms for his testosterone regimen, they are braced for the necessary leap of faith. "When you see a child suffer and struggle the way we have seen Alex struggle," his mother sums up, "we don't have a choice." Not every case is so communal. John's father refuses to accept his son's chosen gender identity, explaining he feels "robbed — my daughter's gone" and voicing disbelief that life as a male is "the path that God has planned for her." Then we meet 18-year-old Lia Hodson, who has run the gantlet of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones and now is ready for the final step. □



This image released by PBS shows transgender teen Ariel, formerly Ian, in a scene from "Growing Up Trans", from the "Frontline" series airing on PBS on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. "Growing Up Trans" explores the transgender phenomenon as younger people than ever and their parents are now experiencing it. **Associated Press**

from the male body she was born with. Yet she grieves that the girl she is transitioning into can never carry a child.

Otherwise, she is pleased with the path she has chosen, and considers her puberty-blocking drugs "my lifesaver. Me turning into a man is just probably the most horrifying thing ever."

Though some adults may face a steep learning

side a world that appears more accepting, and, through that lens, trying to tease out all the complications, might allow us to learn things that hadn't been shown before," says O'Connor.

Indeed, they have journeyed back to square one for this new wave of subjects, capturing them much earlier in life than widely recognized trans

amount about themselves and how they function in the world," says Navasky. "They were so in touch with themselves."

Meanwhile, the filmmakers realized they were telling a larger story than that of transgender people.

"It also becomes about parenting," says O'Connor. "What do we do when faced with our child's pain and anguish, in whatever



In this Thursday, June 18, 2015 photo, actors Channing Tatum, left, and Jada Pinkett Smith pose for a portrait in promotion of the new film, "Magic Mike XXL," in West Hollywood, Calif. **Associated Press**

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(AP) — Jada Pinkett Smith wasn't exactly sure what she was getting into when she signed on for "Magic

Mike XXL," but she certainly didn't expect to come out of a movie about male strippers with some new theories on her own marriage.

"It really taught me how

'Magic Mike' taught Pinkett Smith to be playful with husband

to be more playful with my husband," she says of Will Smith, her husband of 18 years.

On set, Pinkett Smith says she tried to fall back and not get in the way of the antics of the male-dominated cast. A friend had told her that women don't know how to share space, that they dominate space. She took it to heart.

"I really felt like this was a space for bro-time," she said in a recent interview. "I tried to be respectful of that and I really enjoyed watching the men. It was so much fun to see and to realize men really need

boy time."

Co-star Channing Tatum, seated nearby, chimed in to agree. He recounted a chat with a female friend who told him that when women get together with their girlfriends, they want to talk about life. About careers, kids, relationships, everything.

"Guys don't do that at all. We do the opposite. We do everything but talk about that," said Tatum. "We create another little world. It's like a pressure release. ... Men are just like monkeys beating on the walls of the cage."

But, Pinkett Smith said she

learned that there can be a balance.

Normally, she said, she'd just default to sitting back and watch her husband play.

"He's a silly man all day long. He's the guy who hides behind the door and jumps out. He's that guy. All day," she said, laughing. "He's just a big freaking kid. I always play the role of like, 'OK, you be the kid. OK, that's cute.'"

But after "Magic Mike," Pinkett Smith says she's "learned to enjoy that playfulness in him much more and participate in it versus, like, tolerate it." □

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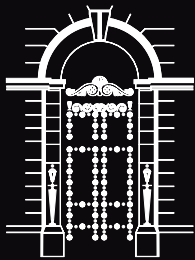
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